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### MOH LAUNCHES TESTING FOR COVID-19

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The Ministry of Health (MOH) launched testing for COVID-19 on April 14, 2020. The first batch of testing included frontline workers (health care workers and first responders) from MOH and partner agencies. All test results were negative. Testing will continue the rest of April, following guidelines set by MOH.

**It is still important for all of us** to continue to practice preventive measures including proper hand-washing and coughing/sneezing etiquette, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, practicing social distancing (6 feet apart), avoiding large crowds or social gatherings, and staying away from others when sick.

If anyone should develop fever, cough, and breathing difficulties, call the **BNH Emergency Room at 488-2558** for further guidance. For general information about COVID-19, contact the **MOH Hotline at 488-0555**.

Thank you.